number of V.D. cases are increasing in certain States in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the States where the cases are on increase;

(c) what steps have been taken for the control and treatment of this diseases;

(d) whether it is a fact that detection centres for these diseases are inadequate in the country;

(e) whether it is also a fact that Government are not providing medicines free of cost to poor patients for the treatment of these diseases;

(f) whether it is a fact that the treatmen. of these diseases is very costly; and

(g) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to provide proper treatment to the poor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) There is no reliable data to indicate that the number of V.D. cases are increasing in certain States in the country. However, the number of cases seen/treated for Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) during the last three years are as under:

1984	 9,10,085
1985	 12,26,858
1986	 13,11,806

This shows that there is a gradual increase in the number of STD cases seen/treated during the last three years. The increase is in respect of almost all the States/U.Ts.

(c) Government of India has inducted the STD Control Programme as a Central Sector Scheme with 100 per cent Central Assistance envisaging teaching, training and research in the field of STD.

(d) to (g) There are more than 400 STD clinics functioning in the country, which provide diagnostic and therapeutic services to the patients. Treatment facilities are also available in the Skin & STD Departments of the Medical Colleges and Hospitals and medicines are also provided free of cost to the patients attending the clinics. The drugs used in the treatment of these diseases are not costly.

Marketing of the Sub-Therapeutic Medicine in the country

1157. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that number of medicines being marketed in the country are of sub-therapeutic value;

(b) if so, the number of medicines which have come to the notice of Government during the last three years along with the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken against those drug companies found marketing sub-therapeutic value medicines; and

(d) if so, the details of action taken against each company along with the name of companies and the products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) The Second Schedule to the Drugs and Cosmetics Act prescribes standards of quality in respect of drugs for the purposes of import, manufacture for sale and distribution of drugs. It does not permit the manufacture of sub-therapeutic drugs. Additional standards for drugs are laid down under the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules.

Information regarding 26 categories of drugs/fixed dose combinations of drugs, manufacture of which is banned under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below). A sub-Committee appointed by the Drugs

Consultative Committee continues to screen the drug formulations for taking appropriate action by Government under the provisions of Law.

Statement

1. Amidopyrine.
2. Fixed dose combinations of Vitamins with anti-inflamatory agents and tranquillisers.
3. Fixed dose combinations of Atropine in Analgesics and Antipyretics.
4. Fixed dose combinations of Atrychnine and Caffeins in tonics.
5. Fixed dose combinations of Yohimbine and Strychnine with Testosterence and Vitamins.
6. Fixed dose combiations of Sodium Bromide/Chloral hydrate with other drugs.
7. Fixed dose combinations of Iron with Strychnine, Arsaniq and Yohimbine.
8. Phanecatin.
9. Fixed dose combinations of anti-histaminics with anti-diarrhoeals.
10. Fixed dose combinations of Penicillin with Sulphonamides.
11. Fixed dose combinations of Vitamins with Analgesics.
12. Fixed dose combinations of Tetracycline with Vitamin C.
13. Fixed dose combinations of Hydroxyquinoline group of Drugs except preparations which are used for the treatment of diarrhoea and dysentry and for external use only.
14. Fixed dose combinations of staroide for internal use except combination of steroids with other drugs for the treatment of Asthma.
15. Fixed dose combinations of Chloramphenicol for internal use except combination of Chloramphanicol and Streptomycin.
16. Fixed dose combinations of Ergot.
17. Fixed dose combinations of Vitamins with anti-T.B. drugs except combination of Iseniazide with Pyridoxine Hydrochloride (Vitamin B 6).
18. Pencillin skin/eye ointment.
19. Tetracycline liquid oral preparations.
20. Nialamide.
21. Practolol.
22. Mythapyriline, its salts.
23. Methaqualone.
24. Oxytracycline liquid Oral Preparations.
25. Democlocycline Liquid Oral Preparations.
26. Combination of Anabolic Steroide with other drugs.